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What Texas Oil World Has to Say About the U. S. Oil Scandal

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Editor Texas Oil World

The Teapot Dome revelations, startlingly vivid and too clear for any intelligent reader to doubt their significance, continue to take up the time of the Senate when it should be at work on matters of purely constructive scope.

Writers Prefer Private Investigation

There are those who now deplore the press agency of the government and express fear that in attending to the cleaning up of this affair "before the public" it will "act to further prejudice the public mind against the oil industry as a whole."

"Toothsome Morsel"

These writers add that "any scandal that can be uncovered in connection with oil is a toothsome morsel for the members of our national legislative bodies" and admonish on the comparative passiveness of the government in ignoring a recent scandal in connection with another master, or the stock speculations of General Leonard Wood's son.

Got What Others Could Have Got

Continuing, the same authorities protest against the appearance of an organized raid upon the public domain, which they assert is being given to the Teapot Dome affair and add that the parties to this lease grant got no more than any others would have been in a position to receive, the only suspicion of scandal being "in the side transactions which have been so insinuatingly mentioned in connection with Mr. Fall's personal financial affairs."

"Oil Industry" Propaganda Wanted

Now, they insist, is a time when the oil industry needs a champion who would disseminate through the daily press that the sins of the Wyoming or California naval reserve leases should not be laid at the door of the oil industry.

In this exposition of affairs there is much wanting. Let us take up point after point.

Complete Change of Face

That the government or some of its politicians are using press agency is clear. But it is a mistake publicly to "clean up" these big frauds, they tell us, when the government and the very writers who now deplore publicity in connection with the \$200,000,000 graft by big companies were supremely content to have the Associated Press and everybody else vociferate denunciations against a few petty grafters and some men of visionary expectations, who took in a few hundred thousand dollars and spent much of it and in cases, most of it, in drilling wells.

Another Ox Gored Now

At that time, because it is desired that the American public should create a monopoly for the Standard Oil and its subsidiaries, the press agency of the government could not be used stentorously enough to please the writers who are now so loath to read about Teapot Dome, and are frightened that the public should be made aware of some of the events which are happening in the "oil industry" and become further prejudiced against it.

Willing to Let Daugherty Talk

It happens now that the very agency, which was so docile a tool in the hands of the Standard Oil in crushing out independent oil drilling by others than the companies this monopoly controls, is under fire and, should, most people believe, get out of office if the Coolidge government would clear itself. "Let the Attorney-General start whatever he wants," seems to be the principle of the Standard Oil publications. "He's all right. We know where he heads in; but don't let the Senate and, particularly men like La Follette and Walsh and Johnson talk in public about the sins of the "oil industry." Daugherty will unearth some pretty grafters and the precious public will, as usual, realize that the purification wrought by their punishment has removed the last trace of corruption from the oil industry." It is too bad that the \$200,000,000 theft perpetrated against the entire American people should be talked about."

Time Enough For Other Things

"Why doesn't the government take up the case of young Wood, the General's son, who made several hundred thousand in stock speculating?" they ask. This is droll. Time enough to take up the flier of this youth when we have learned more about the big fish which are just now in the net. Of course it is a "toothsome morsel," just as the pretty graft stories which added to the philippic glory of court and magazine harangues a few months ago were toothsome to the public, although they pale into insignificance when compared with the \$200,000,000 larceny that is charged in connection with the naval reserve oil leases.

Only the Usual Grab

No, this naval oil reserve steal was not an organized raid against the public domain. It was the usual "big

business" grab and was affected by the old methods and men. There was, in principle, absolutely nothing exceptional about it, although we confess it was a bit crude in execution, probably because there was so many "high-earners" in it on that caution seemed superfluous.

Much is Overlooked

The defenders of the "oil industry," however, overlook much when they say that the parties got no more than any others would have been in a position to receive. Unless they mean "any others who should carefully have the navy oil reserve transferred from the navy to the Interior Department where they had a henchman in command, and have carefully prepared naval officers placed where they could do the most good in furtherance of the grab." In this case, of course, any of the other big companies would have been in a position to make the grab and doubtless would have hesitated not one moment in doing so.

Let us turn to the final statement of defenders of the "oil industry," that it now needs a champion who will disseminate in the daily press the propaganda that the sins of Teapot Dome are not the sins of the "oil industry," but merely individual delinquencies and departures from the high morality of the "oil industry" in the past, and present.

Compound Oil Industry With S. O.

What is really meant by the "oil industry" throughout this article as the expression is used in the mouths of the speakers for big oil business?

Evidently there can be no two opinions regarding this. They mean the Standard Oil Companies and their subsidiaries and allies. They virtually admit the monopoly which is the aim of the Standard Oil group and for the furtherance of which the Standard and its minions were so desperately determined to crush out independent oil production by small men, whether promoters or independent companies, during 1923.

Present Scandal Useful

Unless the people of the United States are determined to hoodwink themselves they will see in the present scandal revealed in Washington the peril of Standard Oil control. They will recognise that what is revealed is nothing to what has occurred in the past. Mr. Doheny, we believe, is one of the highest principled men in the oil business. He is immeasurably superior in his ethics to most of the leaders of the "oil industry," and most people know it. If, then, Doheny has acted as he appears to have acted, the rest of the big companies are capable of going to lengths immeasurably beyond anything so far revealed. It is, therefore, time not for whitewashing the Standard, but for putting it in order.

GOOD-BY PORTER'S JOB, GOOD-BY FARM, HELLO YOU OIL! SAYS UNCLE JOHN

By B. D. Stevenson

When the lightning of good (oil) struck in Caldwell County, Texas, Uncle John Merriveather, a negro, yard rarin' to go, was born in slavery back in old Tennessee, and for fifty years a resident of the little farm from which he is now getting royalties and leisure instead of cotton and a backache.

Uncle John is a land-mark of Caldwell county. At one time, back in the old carpetbag days, he was elected to the legislature—but never served. For thirty years, however, beginning with the first session during the administration of Charles A. Culverson, as governor, regular and extra sessions alike, he served at the capitol as a porter while his boys ran the farm. Between sessions, he stayed on the 100 acre farm and looked after it himself. This work, along with his duties as deacon of the Baptist church kept him pretty busy.

This year, however, Uncle John cut out both the legislature and farming. Oil was discovered on his farm on Christmas Day, 1922, and within a few weeks the farm was all mussed up with derricks, slush pits and reservoirs. Farming was entirely out of the question.

And as for his job at Austin, who would want to be a porter in a legislature when he had a 100 acre farm half-developed, and with ten wells on it making better than 500 barrels each, or 5,000 barrels a day? Uncle John's income was somewhere around \$100 a day.

Uncle John does not know exactly how old he is because the Bible in which his birth was recorded is in possession of the white Merriveathers to whom Uncle John belonged before Lincoln issued his famous proclamation. But one of the white Merriveather boys has told Uncle John that he ought to be about 70 because they were both the same age.

We went to see Uncle John to ask him how it seemed to be the richest

colored man in Caldwell county. We didn't find him sitting in a plush rocker chair listening in on the racket in the back yard of old on his and a Rolla Royce in the front. With his hired help around to wait on him, and a Rola Royce in the front, he was sitting in the front room of the little home, the front room, kitchen, and one of the bed rooms. Uncle John was just reading the Bible.

He is very conservative. As you can see upon examining his picture he believes in "Safety First"—he wears both a belt and suspenders. Uncle John has not even begun to inquire into the different makes of automobiles, and if his children "go to the devil" in a high-powered car at the rate of sixty miles an hour, they will first have to chloroform Uncle John. Having lived 70 years according to the precepts of the Bible, he proposes to go on living in the "good old-fashioned way."

The first thing that Uncle John is going to do is "get a nice little place" Mayle in Luling. Mayle in San Antonio. Just a nice little place where he can have flowers in the front yard, and can putter around in a garden in the back yard. But this dreamed of place must be within easy walking distance of a Baptist Church.

One of the tragedies in the life of Uncle John was when he and Mrs. Merriveather disagreed and the court finally granted them a divorce, and divided the farm in the middle, giving them each half. That was before any one thought of finding oil on the farm and the court neglected to say anything about mineral rights.

After oil was found, it became a complicated matter to divide up the royalties, for though the wells were on Uncle John's half, Mrs. Merriveather claimed an interest.

There seemed only one right way to settle it and that was for Uncle John and his ex-wife to get married again. That's just what they did and everything is all right again—both of them will enjoy the "nice little place."

THIS ALBERTA LAW

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING CALLED VICTIOUS ONE OF M. D. OF BATTLE RIVER NO. 423

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—It is understood that the report of law officers of the crown in the matter of legislation passed by the legislature of Alberta imposing a tax on mineral rights in the lands of private companies, is favorable to federal disallowance.

The matter has not yet been decided by the cabinet and what action it may take is problematical inasmuch as political influence sometimes cuts a figure in such cases, and the prerogative of disallowance is always sparingly exercised. The legal view, however, is that the legislation is vicious, confiscatory in its effects and designed to work injury to the companies possessing lands containing minerals.

If the law officers' view prevails it will be disallowed.

The principal appellants were the Hudson's Bay company, the C. P. R. and the Calgary Land company.

ARTHUR VALLIE GETS

2 YEAR PRISON TERM

Two years in the penitentiary for the theft of \$275 of merchandise from a railway car on the Canadian National at Irma, was the sentence received by Arthur Joseph Vallie in the criminal court at Edmonton, Monday. Hall had jumped his bail and was endeavoring to get into the United States under the name of James Edward Read, when detained at Blaine by immigration officers. He was brought back by Detective Skelton of the Alberta Provincial Police, to stand trial before Justice Tweedie.

LIVED ON FARM

Vallie was a former Grand Trunk railway conductor and was born in the mid-40's ago. To the immigration officers he gave a city address, 10025 118th Street. In the court yesterday he gave his address at Mutza. It was on his farm, in his house, that the stolen goods were recovered.

A brother appeared in court before Justice Ives two weeks ago, and for the same raid on the railway car pleaded guilty and was fined \$50 and given 90 minutes in jail.

A son and a friend of the boy by the name of Warren, previously pleaded guilty to receiving some of the stolen property, and were let go on suspended sentence.

During the preliminary hearing, when the game were committed for trial, the sworn evidence was to the effect that A. J. Vallie, whom the police considered the ringleader, was not present at the raid on the car. Since that, evidence that he was present was secured, and the conviction yesterday was the result of the work done by the Alberta Provincial Police in the case.

50,000 FIRE AT WAINWRIGHT SATURDAY

The clangor of the fire alarm at the early hour of 1 a. m., on Saturday morning last hurriedly broke up the last games in the bawpail at the rink, and inside of ten minutes the fire fighters were in attendance at the scene of conflagration our town has suffered since the big fire in the Small block some years ago.

The fire which started in the Fieldhouse apartment over Mayor Gerow's drug store is thought to have started from defective wiring, as there has been no fires in the premises upstairs during the whole of Friday, and when W. Stucking, who was first upstairs with a "chemical" nozzle attempted to enter he found that the lights were not working and the hallway a sheet of flame some distance from where the heater was situated.

The actual damage suffered is as follows—Gerow's store partial stock, fixtures, etc.; Mr. Fieldhouse, complete home contents; Mr. Sawers, partial stock and fixtures, and partial home contents; Mr. Cox, personal effects and Mr. Washburn, damage to stock from smoke and water.

Structural losses are—Mr. R. Cannons, block practically gutted; Mr. J. Telford, building practically gutted; and Mr. Washburn, damage to inside roof and side walls of building.

—Wainwright Star.

LADIES AID HAVE GOOD MEETING WED. AFTERNOON

Last Wednesday afternoon the Irma Ladies Aid met with Mrs. Jardine where some thirty ladies were in attendance. After the regular business of the meeting had been dispensed with the ladies adjourned to the dining room where the table was beautifully decorated with Valentine decorations and a dainty lunch was served. This was one of the largest attended meetings the Aid has had for some time.

Irma Rebekah Lodge will hold a social evening Tuesday, February 19th. Everybody welcome, admission 50cts.

MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING CALLED VICTIOUS ONE OF M. D. OF BATTLE RIVER NO. 423

Councillors of the Municipal District of Battle River No. 423 met in Council room, members present: Messrs. Fischer, Golding, Armstrong, Burton Smallwood and Merrick.

Minutes of last meeting were read and motion of Mr. Golding were adopted as read.

Moved by Mr. Golding that motion of January 8th, 1924, allowing Mr. Askin \$50 for impounding an animal be rescinded as there is no legal fee for impounding anything but entire animals. Cd.

Committee reported on information received and conclusion arrived at in case of Mrs. G. R. Bronson.

Moved by Mr. Golding that after receiving the correspondence and report of committee in connection with the case of Mrs. G. R. Bronson that this Council take no action as to giving her treatment in Banff hospital.

Moved by Mr. Fischer that Mr. Carried.

Smallwood and Mr. Golding were appointed a committee to go to Edmonton to take up the matter of collection of taxes on Soldiers Settlement Land. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Merrick that correspondence of S. S. R. re E.S. 10-46-8-44, be tabled until next meeting.

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Smallwood that land owned by Mr. Taylor undergo same proceedings as other lands. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Burton that the following accounts be passed and paid: Division 2.

Emil Skogg—Land \$112.50
N. Merrick—Migs & Mileage 24.00
A. A. Fischer 24.00
G. B. Golding 14.40
R. D. Smallwood 18.60
R. D. Smallwood—Inspection &

Mileage, Div. 3 5.50
Estab. Press—Supplies 3.40
E. L. McDowell—Insurance 6.60
Ross School District—Int. 23.03
N. V. King—Poundkeepers fees 7.00

Carried.

Moved by Mr. Golding that the money held over from apportionment of previous year for surveys be used for that purpose. Cd.

Moved by Mr. Fischer that account of and paid. Motion lost. In favor Fischer, Armstrong and Burton. Against Smallwood, Golding and Merrick.

Moved by Mr. Armstrong that Council adjourn. Cd.

U. F. A. ELECT NEW OFFICERS

At the last meeting of the Irma U. F. A. the following officers were elected: Jas. Fenton, President; H. Knudsen, Vice-President; T. E. Yarr, Secretary; R. D. Smallwood, W. T. Barber, H. Kasten, C. T. Hill and D. Craig, Directors. A motion was passed to join with the U. F. A.'s in the formation of Viking and Fabian in the formation of a U. F. A. Co-operative Live Stock Shipping Association. The local association has increased its membership over 300 per cent over last year and wants every farmer in the district to be a member and attend the meetings which are held the first Saturday of each month.

The members are requested to attend the Annual meeting of the Municipal of Battle River next Saturday to discuss with the ratemakers the institution of a municipal scale.

The ratemakers meeting of the Municipal of Battle River will be held at Irma Saturday afternoon February 10th and election for councillors will be held on Saturday, February 23rd. Very little interest appears to be taken in the coming election. The three retiring councillors are A. A. Fischer, J. J. Armstrong, and N. Merrick.

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In a game that gratified with skill and action such as has never been witnessed in this man's domicile before or since the famous Silver Seven of by-gone years performed on the concealed waters of the local arena, Kilian mosed out to a victory, Friday night, February 6th, A.D. 1924. Setting a dizzy pace in the first period which never slackened in intensity, for nearly twelve minutes, he took a check from his man in the first period, while his hired men were gashed-edged.

In the second frame, our athletes, goaded by the sight of these two scores that had been made, and the eyes out on the hulky blackness of a racing sea, threw themselves into the fray with reckless abandon, and pouring an avalanche of shots that sizzled with lightning velocity upon the Alphonse Gaston-like victim, Kilian, who, after three times more than the sound of cease firing was heard, Forrest and Sandy were the two dragons who formed this team, went to defend the Alphonse Gaston-like victim, Kilian, who went mad with ecstasy and joy. The pandemonium and bedlam, that broke loose, is still re-echoing in the high heavens, and all radio stations are reporting the news, and some only from unusual circumstances. Many of our fellow townsmen are still talking about these hectic twenty minutes, and local history will not be complete without a reference to them. The players will be back again, and they will get a kick out of it when they are bent and grey with advancing years.

With one counter to the good when appearing for the third period, our boys, however, became victims. But, friends, only for a short space of time. Layne, of Kilian, the wielder of the birch and rod when he isn't flopping pucks, assayed a most man-eating attack on the victim. May he be known as a vicious villain and working in close with checkers all around him, he did the impossible, and tied the score. The seventy followers from his bairn who were among those present cheered this specimen of ferocity, and his chest swelled with pride while his adherents filled with hope.

Enter Johnny O'Leary. This quiet and unobtrusive lad, seeing Layne perform a miracle, set his mind to do his best. He had a few pucks of his own from the opposition, evaded his pursuers long enough to aim for the net, and voila, pronto, he did it. Man, Oh man, wasn't everybody happy, all the time? Kilian, who had reluctantly relinquished their efforts to break the tie before the cowbell rang, but without avail, the Viking line, held like the proverbial stone wall. The referee waved the team into their respective corners, freshen their faces, bodies and brains to do battle for another ten minutes overtime.

Let it be said right here, and now that Kilian's hopes of winning were dashed, such as they were, and Kilian and his followers drew in their shoulders which they had previously waded tamely as well as temptingly in the faces of the home-bound.

To make a long story short, Kilian won the game in the last five minutes of play because they had the fresher men. Our boys held their scoreless for the first five minutes, but in the last moments, breathless and fatigued, they held on to the victory, and when Kilian started out to bring home the bacon, A game that was the best ever seen on this line or any other line ended with Kilian 6 goals, Vikings 5.

To finish the story over the fast finish team, Holden, reinforced with players from Ryker descended upon the town Monday evening with the firm intent to lift the famous Dawson trophy held by our hockey team. Holden, however, was disappointed.

It was a night of great fun, and that accompanied their favorites went home sadder and wiser when the score of 6 to 3 loomed up against them.

Keifer's movies opened up for the season in Jensen's hall last Tuesday evening and were a full house.

The picture shown was a very special entitled "The Prisoner of Zenda" which excelled in gorgeous scenery and excellent acting. Next week's attraction is "Pioneer Trail," which is said to be a good one. "Candy and Wagon" which is the rage in the cities just now. A short comedy before the main picture would brighten up the program.

The beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Zoedes was the scene of a grand ball last Friday evening, February 8th when they gave a dance to invited guests. It was one of the most enjoyable dances given this year. The house was filled to its capacity. A sumptuous supper was served at midnight. Messrs. Finch, Pilgrim, Evan Jones, Alex Ferguson and Mike Ryan furnished the music.

The fast train was stalled here Monday evening for over two hours on account of a flat tire in the engine, breaking just a short distance west of town.

An engine from Wainwright came to the rescue. Several of the passengers passed the time in a good way by the Holden-Viking game and listening to a radio concert in the observation car.

The first luncheon of the Board of Trade will be held in the dining room of the King Edward Hotel on Tuesday evening, February 10th at 6:30 P.M. Roy G. A. Clarke will address the meeting on "The Aim of Citizenship." Mr. Clarke is one of the ablest speakers in the province. A drive will be made to get a good attendance at the luncheon.

Mr. Riley of Viking and her mother Mrs. Crystle of Sask., are spending the winter at Los Angeles, California.

C. G. Purvis left Vancouver last on a business trip to Vancouver.

Quite a party of witnesses in the Viking drainage case extrained to give evidence at the trial this week.

Mrs. Leo Roberts and Mrs. Thunell were visitors in Edmonton last Wednesday, where they saw the famous musical comedy "The Maid of the Mountains."

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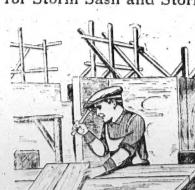
H. W. LOVE, Editor

**DECORATED AT NEW YORK**

Upon the arrival of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Empress of Canada at New York, following her cruise Round America, Captain S. Robinson, R.A.R. who now commands the vessel on world cruises, created a Committee of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his heroic work at Yokohama when Japan was rocked by earthquake and when the Empress of Australia, which he then commanded, was the headquarters for the rescue parties and medical workers. This investiture was made by Sir Harry Armstrong, the Canadian General in New York, in a ceremony attended by 1000 guests, including important figures in Canadian and American political and commercial life. This photograph was taken at the time of the investiture and shows, from left to right, Sir Harry Armstrong, Captain S. Robinson, C.B.E., R.N.R., and Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, who visited the blue ribbon vessel of the Canadian Pacific fleet after the ceremony.

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Mrs. Price Jones is enjoying a visit from her sister of Provost.

Mr. F. C. Wiese left Wednesday morning to visit his father at Minneapolis.

Mr. Dave Ambler returned from Victoria last Sunday after attending the funeral of his sister.

The Barney Gougle orchestra are putting on another dance in Larson's Hall next Wednesday night.

Mr. T. A. Leding, manager of Larson's store made a business trip to Edmonton Wednesday.

Miss Bullock, stenographer with the local Bank is spending three weeks vacation with her parents at Ponoka.

Mr. E. W. Watkinson went to Edgerton Wednesday night to attend the County Orange Lodge being held there this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Erickson and Mr. Albert Knudsen returned last Saturday after spending a couple of months with friends in Washington.

Mr. W. Bibby has sold the livery and dray business to the Simons Bros. and intends moving with his family to B.C.

Mr. E. T. McDowell, the pioneer implement agent has severed diplomatic relations with the Massey-Harris Company. Mr. R. Zimmerman is taking over the agency and moving the stock to the old Moore Bros. garage next to the livery barn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Erickson celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary last Sunday, when a large number of friends and relatives gathered at their home at Coal Springs and enjoyed a sumptuous spread such as Mrs. Erickson is noted for giving.

Mr. Stuart held a successful auction sale at Irma last Saturday when he sold the stock and implements of the Simons Brothers who are taking over the livery and dray business. He is holding another sale in Irma on Wednesday, February 20th, when he will dispose of the furniture and household effects for Mr. Bibby.

Wednesday morning Mrs. F. W. Higginson received a wire that her son Erick had just undergone an operation for a serious attack of appendicitis at the University hospital. Mrs. Higginson left for Edmonton on the morning train and reports that the operation though serious was apparently successful, and that Erick was resting comfortably.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Elliott entertained the young ladies of Irma to six o'clock dinner last Thursday evening. After which the young men came in to spend the evening. A very jolly time was spent in playing games. A dainty lunch was served at eleven o'clock after which all repaired to their respective homes. Many thanks are due Mr. and Mrs. Elliott for their kind hospitality. Those present were: Miss Graham, Fluewelling, Murphy, Maguire, Broadbrib, Bullock, and Fenton. Messrs. Fenton, Lennon, Masson, Elford, Foster, Lidon, and Hammond.

Notice

During the winter I will not be in my Irma Office every week as formerly but only by special appointment and on following dates:

FEBRUARY 13th.
MARCH 12th
APRIL 16th.

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SELLING SEED GRAIN

Demands for registered seed grain from the Provincial Government cooperative marketing plant continue to come in. During the past week or two heavy shipments of this seed have been made to eastern seed houses, and other places. Farmers in the province are urged to get in their orders early.

WANT ADS.

STRAYED—to N. W. 28-45-9-w4th, One Red and White Cow, shorthorn, with horns, no brands visible. One Light Red Cow with horns, no brands visible.—Owner can have same by proving property.—J. R. Love, Irma.

STRAYED—On my place, one three year old Steer, red, branded MU on right hip.—D. Elliott, Sec. 22-47-10, Kinsella P. O.

FOR SALE—Eight-inch Ontario Feed Chopper.—Apply H. W. Love, Irma.

Cattle branded OL with half circle on right hip are property of J. R. Love, Irma. Kindly notify if strayed.

WILL SWAT—One 12-mile Cockshut Gang Plow, stubble bottom, for one 16in. gang. J. A. Bell, Irma, Alta. 40-42.

STRAYED—From N.E. 15-44-9 One red slightly roan Heifer, two years, old, with horns, no brand, if found kindly notify J. A. Bell, Irma, Alta. 40-42p.

STRAYED—from S.W. 10-45-8-w4, One Yearling Heffer, branded W on right hip, roan color with horns. If found kindly notify Chas. Wilberham, 39-41 P. O.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Quarter Section N.E. of 30-46-9. Fenced and cross-fenced, good well, barn for 16 head. House 16 x 22, 40 acres in summerfallow.—Apply G. Ellis, Box 615, Grand Forks, B. C. 41-43P.

SALE AND REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED ANIMALS (See Ad.)

Notice is hereby given under Section 48 of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that One Red Steer branded bar over 2R on left hip was impounded in the pound kept by N. V. King, located on the S.E. Quarter 19-45-7-w4, on Friday the 25th day of January, A.D. 1924, and that the said animal was sold on the 9th day of February, 1924 to R. Headon of Falynn, Alta., and that said animal may be redeemed by the owner or on his behalf within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

For information apply to the undersigned.

R. J. TATE, Sec'y-Treas. of the M. D. Battle River No. 423, Post Office, Irma, Alta.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—New York State II and Grana Farm, 105 acres, 10 1/2 miles, large basement barn, running water, 23 acres wood & timber, road, machine worked fields, 2 miles to stores, churches and high school, quarter mile to macadamized road. Lots frad. \$1570 easy terms, or would exchange for "penceys" or general stores in Saskatchewan, or good farm land.

Mrs. R. B. Caslick, Newfield, N. Y. 37-7 P.

RESULTS OF JANUARY EXAMS

Mortgage Companies Forced to Withdraw From This Province

Learning recently that the Associated Mortgage Investors Company, of Rochester, N. Y., one of the largest mortgage brokerage concerns doing business in Western Canada, intended to withdraw from the Alberta investment field owing to the effect of recent legislation on farm loans, the Journal wired D. A. Campbell, president of the company, asking if the report was true, and if so, the reasons for the decision.

Mr. Campbell's reply, received by wire today, follows:

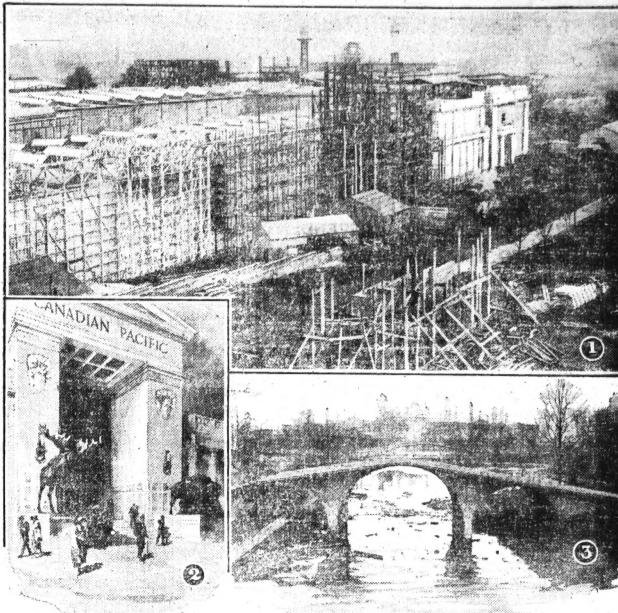
"With the great abiding faith which we have in the province of Alberta, nothing would be more to my liking than bringing increased capital from the United States into your province, and it is therefore with regret that I have had to withdraw this company from active business in making new loans within the province on account of conditions over which we have no control and for which we possess no remedy. These result from certain unfortunate and unfavorable laws which undermine the whole principle of the first mortgage."

"The principle of the first mortgage is that the amount loaned is definite. There is nothing speculative or open to change in the first mortgage as it is intended. In its operation in Alberta the principle is not followed and the holder of the first mortgage has nothing definite as to the amount which he has in the property because of the various charges which can be made and which can become, in reality, a part of the mortgage. This represents a hazard in doing business which can only be covered by high interest rates and lending a very small amount on each farm. The farmers chief source of credit is his land and he should be able to borrow against it the largest amount possible at the lowest possible rate of interest. Anything, therefore, tending to make the rate go up is not to his advantage and, strangely enough it is not to the advantage of the mortgage company. We prefer lower rates because they indicate more sound conditions."

"Taxes as at present collected are charged to the mortgage companies when badly in arrears, instead of an adequate effort being made to collect taxes out of the season's crop, and these with the other charges which can come in ahead of the first mortgage, make so much uncertainty as to where the mortgage stands, that our company feels itself unable to lend money except at such high rates as to make it prohibitive to the borrower and we have therefore, much against our will, been forced to suspend our business in the province; yet hoping that the laws will soon be modified to bring Alberta back to where it ranks, not only even with but ahead of other farming communities. We regret that our hands are tied and as soon as there is a chance we look forward to again loaning there."

D. A. CAMPBELL
President, Associated Mortgage Investors.

Canada at British Empire Exhibition

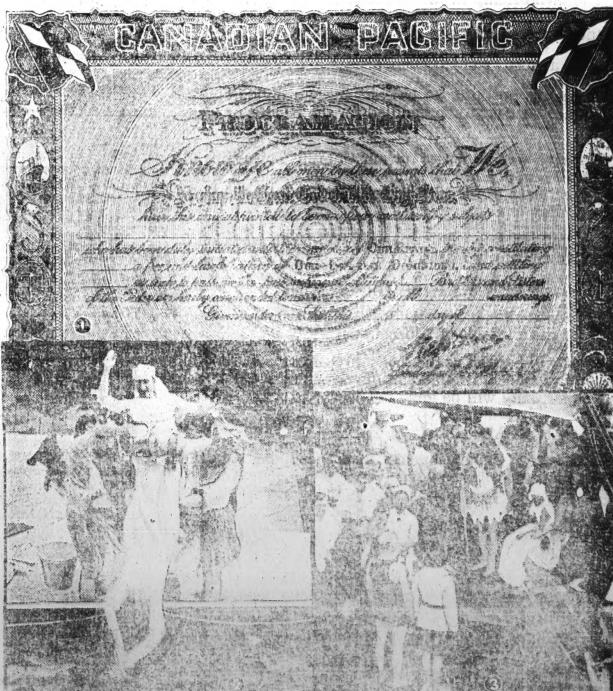


(b) The Canadian Pavilion with the towers of the Indian building in the background. (2) Entrance to the Canadian Pacific building. (3) Showing the progress made in the building of bridges and lakes with the Malaya Pavilion in the background.

Showing the Canadian Pavilion at Wembley, under course of construction. As portions of the Canadian space allotment have been given over to the two great railway systems, the building which will house the Government exhibits with the somewhat similar ones of other Dominions, being given a deal of time and money has been spent on its design and decoration, with the result that it promises to be the gem of the British Empire Exhibition. The photograph shows the progress made up to the end of December.

Inset is shown the entrance to the Canadian Pacific pavilion. This building is grouped with the Canadian pavilion with which it was seen designed to meet the requirements of the Dominion and the vast opportunities harmonize. A massive triple entrance, two stories high, which await the immigrant and settler.

NEPTUNE TO VISIT WORLD CRUISERS



The certificate as shown above will be issued to all passengers aboard the Empress of Canada who appear on Neptune, as did those passengers on the Empress of France last year, who are shown in pictures 2 and 3.

When to travel upon the sea was to capture in great danger it was usually thought wise by the voyagers to propitiate the god of the waters by making gifts to him before setting sail, and oftentimes, when Neptune displayed his wrath at sea, human sacrifices were made to him. To our superstitious ancestors the son of Saturn and Poseidon was the ruler of the deep, especially those of the sea, and had therefore, in his hands the welfare of all vessels and their human and other freight. The worship of Neptune was early introduced into Rome and Italy about 750 B.C. Neptune, "Neptunus," was his feast.

As science reduced the terrors of the sea, and education and higher civilization erased the sometimes terrible terrors from the minds of the world, so the worship of and sacrifice to Neptune ceased, and even to this day he is venerated by many Latin and Spanish sailors and no ship crosses the equator without some recognition being made of him. Usually this takes the form of a bugle call performed in which those who are taking their first voyage on the "line" are initiated into the mysteries of the deep.

The unique photograph reproduced above was taken aboard the Canadian Pacific "Empress of France" while on a "Round the World" cruise last year. Neptune boarded the great liner in the early morning of the day on which she was created to hold court. He was attended by the Rev. Barber and other high officials who assisted in the initiation ceremony. Most of the passengers were summoned to his august presence and were tried for their misdeemeanour, punishment or reward was awarded at random favor. Those who produced evidence of having been "initiated" before were, of course, exempt from trial.

This year, when Neptune boards the Empress of Canada, which leaves New York on a Round the World cruise, he will be present to witness the trials of all those who pass before the God of the Waters, certificates to that effect, which will be countersigned by Captain S. Robinson, R.N.R., who commands the vessel, and which besides being valuable souvenirs of the trip, will exempt the holder from further trial.

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Dated at this day of A.D. 192....

(Name in full)

Witness:

(Occupation)

This Company reserves the right to return any application after the minimum number of shares have been subscribed.

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FATHER AND SON BANQUET

The C. S. E. T. boys of Irma held a father and son banquet in the M. E. church Monday evening. The scope was extended to include mothers of the boys also. About fifty guests were seated at the tables in the church basement. A bountiful supply of good "eats" had been collected by the boys and prepared by the ladies of the church. Girls of the community assisted in serving these viands.

Wayne Mitchell of the Taxis Square

meted out toaster, and opened with a toast to the King. Other toasts

were to mothers by Alex Snodgrass,

the fathers by Dan Matheson, the

school by Stewart Beattie, and the

Church by Darrell Peterson. Responses

were by Mrs. G. W. Mitchell for the

mothers, Mr. Geo. Fischer for the

fathers, Miss Broadbridge for the

school and Rev. Elliott for the Church.

Mr. Fischer's remarks were well

worthy of consideration by all C.S.E.T.

boys. Rev. Elliott's talk was also

instructive as to the purpose and hope

of the C.S.E.T. movement. The ban-

quet in itself was a training for the

boys, and other activities will follow

later.

Following the feast and toasts was a

social and fun period of singing,

games and stunts. At the conclusion

of the evening the boys voted an ex-

pression of thanks to the ladies and

girls without whose generous work

at food and table the affair could not

have been the great success it was.

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